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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I remember the days when internet was just \$9.99 a month. Back then, there in Dayton, Oh, a small city of roughly 250,000 people, there were many players providing service. Like AOL, DNACO, Syscom, KMC, Broadwing, SBC-Yahoo, Net Zero, Donet, and several others whose names I cant immediately recall.

That was competition. The consumer benefited.

Then the big fishes started buying off the small fishes. And prices started getting up and up. There was something very wrong with this picture. Technology was getting better. Equipments were getting smaller, and cheaper. Why were the charges getting more expensive?

Nowadays the cost to the provider to provide service to the consumer is extremely low. Technology is so much more advanced. The providers are employing far less people. But they are charging premium prices. And there are already very providers.

I recently ordered DSL service from Sonic. \$40 a month! It took two weeks for them to send AT&T technician to connect my service. After the technician was gone, I still did not have service. It took another two weeks for Sonic to send their own technician to eventually get my service on. Four whole weeks from the time of ordering service to the time of actually being able to get it and use it. You think I am lying! I have email to prove it.

So what will happen when the very small competition that is left is destroyed. The big fish will charge as high a price as they like. Not only that. They will take their sweet time coming to provide service. Like a few months!

You must therefore encourage competition, not kill it!

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